13th February, 2003), the Central Government have conveyed its approval under the provisions of Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to the grant of four Reconnaissance Permits and one Prospecting Licence for mineral survey and exploration based on the proposals received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as per details given below.

A. Reconnaissance Permits

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	Area (in Sq. Kms.)
1.	M/s. Anglo American Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	2487
2.	M/s Anglo American Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	2858
3.	M/s. De Beers India Prospecting Pvt. Ltd.	679
4.	M/s. Anglo American Exploration (India) Pvt. Ltd.	2701

B. Prospecting Licences

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	Area
1.	Shri Vinod Chaudhary	409.75 Acres

Implementation of solar energy programme in Andhra Pradesh

150. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any solar energy programmes are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh with Central assistance/grants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds released for these programmes during the last three years to the State, year-wise; and

(d) the results achieved in the State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry is implementing various solar energy programmes such as solar photovoltaic (SPV) programme, SPV water pumping programme, solar thermal extension programme and solar cooker programme in all the States of the country, including Andhra Pradesh. Under these programmes, installation of solar energy based systems such as solar home systems,

street lighting systems, power plants, solar pumps, solar lanterns, solar water heating systems and solar cookers is being supported through central subsidy, soft loan packages and other incentives. In addition, the Ministry is supporting the establishment of 'Aditya' solar shops in selected cities of the country.

The solar energy programmes are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh by the State nodal agency for renewable energy programmes i.e. the Non-Conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NEDCAP), the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) and some banks.

The Ministry released Rs. 58.80 lakhs during 1999-2000, Rs. 200.18 lakhs during 2000-01 and Rs. 154.71 lakhs during 2001-02 for the implementation of solar energy programmes in the State.

The following solar energy systems have been installed in Andhra Pradesh, so far:

(a) 33,167 solar lanterns,

(b) 1,016 solar home lighting systems,

(c) 927 solar street lighting systems,

(d) 603 solar pumps,

(e) 9.60 kWp SPV small power plants,

(f) 100 kWp grid connected SPV power plant,

(g) 1,146 Box type solar cookers

(h) 43 solar cookers (SK-14 type)

(i) 150 dish cookers

(j) 6 community solar cookers (Sheffler type)

(k) the World's largest solar team cooking system at Tirumala

(l) Solar steam cooking system at Rishi Valley School, Chittoor.

An 'Aditya' solar shop for promoting the sales of solar energy systems has also been set up at Hyderabad.

Purchase of coal for power generation from Coal India Ltd. by NTPC

†151. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation purchases coal for power generation from Coal India Limited;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.